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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

The President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service was granted by President Johnson on June 13 at the White House to the following Federal career officials:

Robert E. Hollingsworth
General Manager
Atomic Energy Commission

Elson B. Helwig
Chief, Department of Pathology
Armed Forces Institute of Pathology
Department of the Army

H. Rex Lee
Governor of American Samoa
Department of the Interior

Thomas C. Mann
Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs
Department of State

James A. Shannon
Director, National Institutes of Health
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare

The achievements of these outstanding individuals are highlighted in the award citations, which are included in the attached copy of the program of the ceremony.

I am also pleased to enclose a copy of President Johnson's remarks at the ceremony. Top staff officials of your agency no doubt would be interested in the President's statement.

John W. Macy, Jr.

John W. Macy, Jr.
Executive Secretary
Distinguished Civilian
Service Awards Board

attachments

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

JUNE 13, 1966

OFFICE OF THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY

THE WHITE HOUSE

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE
PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED
FEDERAL CIVILIAN SERVICE
THE EAST ROOM

(AS DELIVERED AT 11:35 A.M. EDT)

Secretary Ball, Mr. Macy, Distinguished Award Recipients, Members of the Cabinet, My Friends in Congress, Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have come here this morning to honor five distinguished career employees of the Federal Government for their most unusual and outstanding service to this country. They are all men who are rich in experience. They are innovators in their separate fields. Each of them has displayed that initiative and imagination which has marked creative man in every profession. So it is our very good fortune as a Nation that they do not stand alone even when they stand out. They have been helped and supported along their separate paths by what I believe to be a first-rate Civil Service in this country.

Many young nations in the world are reaching for a fairer share of the 20th Century's progress. Their demands are just; their needs are many. These young struggling nations need more food, more industry, more capital, more goods and more technology. But no nation has a need that is more important than their need for trained, dependable, competent manpower.

We know from our own history how very important is the fair administration of laws by men who place the country's welfare always above their own. That is one definition of a truly good and great public servant.

In our day, tired answers to old problems will just not do. The problems are so complex that often the most inspired solution will prove barely adequate. This places a very special responsibility on the civil servant in this country. Today I look to the Federal career service to produce for this Government men and women of broad vision with new answers, with good ideas. And we ask them to consider not merely their own department, not only the Federal Government, but the future of this land. When we find such men, I take a peculiar pleasure and delight in honoring them. That is what we are doing here today with the gentlemen who are the recipients of this award.

First, Dr. Elson B. Helwig, who has made the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology an institute of world renown.

Second, Mr. Robert E. Hollingsworth, who has used imaginative methods within the Atomic Energy Commission to liberate and to encourage the fullest expression of creative energies of his staff.

Third, Mr. H. Rex Lee, who as Governor of American Samoa helped that tropical island to become, in five years, a place of progress and vitality.

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Fourth, Mr. Thomas C. Mann, who has represented this great nation at home and abroad with diligence, with intelligence, with great foresight and good judgment. He has served almost a quarter of a century in some of the most important, the most difficult, the most harassing posts which any public servant could occupy.

And, finally, Dr. James A. Shannon, who is one of our chief's of staff in the war on disease. His deployment of men and resources in that war have led, if not yet to victory, to the continuing retreat of heart disease and cancer and many other medical enemies of man that we today now have on the run.

So I have asked you, their families, some of their special friends, and some of the elite in our Federal Civil Service to come here and join me today in honoring these men. By their past accomplishments they give all of us renewed confidence in the future of this land and our dedicated civil service to which we already owe so much.

I appreciate your presence here this morning and I have attempted, in my own way, to express the debt to these individuals that I feel a grateful nation owes them.

Thank you very much.

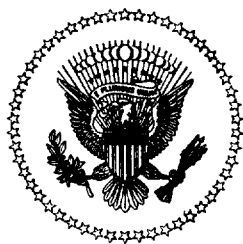
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Presentation of
The President's Award
for Distinguished
Federal Civilian Service

1966

THE WHITE HOUSE

“These five exceptional individuals represent the very best qualities of our career staff. They have provided innovative thinking. They have furnished the dynamic energy needed for progress. They have given hard-driving leadership to programs that are of vital importance to our country.

“They carry a heavy burden of responsibility. But theirs is the great satisfaction that comes from serving the needs of our people responsibly and responsively.”

PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON

PROGRAM

Introduction

HONORABLE GEORGE W. BALL
Chairman, Distinguished Civilian Service Awards Board

Presentation of Awards

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

DR. ELSON B. HELWIG
Chief, Department of Pathology
Armed Forces Institute of Pathology
Department of the Army

ROBERT E. HOLLINGSWORTH
General Manager
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H. REX LEE
Governor of American Samoa
Department of the Interior

THOMAS C. MANN
Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs
Department of State

DR. JAMES A. SHANNON
Director, National Institutes of Health
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare

Remarks

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

President's Awards for 1966

Presented "with profound appreciation, high esteem and great personal satisfaction."

ELSON B. HELWIG

A world-renowned pathologist, he has made notable contributions to the diagnosis and treatment of disease through his research, teachings, and interpretations in the fields of dermal and gastrointestinal pathology. The influence of his distinguished work extends widely to civilian and military medicine, at home and abroad.

The Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, reputed for its excellence, bears the imprint of his unique and inexhaustible professional and administrative talents.

ROBERT E. HOLLINGSWORTH

An outstanding executive, he has, with great effectiveness, carried out the most demanding managerial assignments in a vitally important and exceptionally complex national enterprise. He has reduced costs, improved operations and service, and inspired a creative and productive staff.

He has strengthened a unique partnership of government, science, and industry dedicated to the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes and for the maintenance of national security.

H. REX LEE

An imaginative and courageous administrator, he transformed American Samoa in less than five years into a community surging with progress and prosperity. He established a novel and highly successful educational system, rebuilt public service facilities, attracted new industries, and fostered the participation of the Samoan people in the economic development of their community.

His outstanding accomplishments provide an inspiring example of America's commitment to assist the underdeveloped areas of the free world.

THOMAS C. MANN

A distinguished and highly respected servant in both international economic matters and Latin American affairs for almost a quarter of a century, he has repeatedly demonstrated his great capacity to serve his country in a variety of difficult and important posts.

In positions of increasing responsibility at home and abroad, he has represented the United States with outstanding judgment, initiative, intelligence, and vision. During his illustrious career he has made major contributions to the advancement of our national interests.

JAMES A. SHANNON

A scientific administrator of great vision and forcefulness, he has vastly expanded and strengthened the Nation's total research effort to combat heart disease, cancer, and other medical enemies of man. He has won universal acclaim for the scientific excellence of his programs.

His achievements have opened a new era in medicine and greatly improved the Nation's capability to achieve an eventual victory over the menace of disease and disability.

The President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service is the highest honor designed for extraordinary achievement in the Federal career service.

This award, symbolized by a gold medal suspended from a blue and white neck ribbon, is granted each year to generally not more than five individuals of the career service whose achievements exemplify to an exceptional degree imagination, courage, and high ability in carrying out the mission of the government.

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS OF THE
PRESIDENT'S AWARD

1958

LOY W. HENDERSON
STERLING B. HENDRICKS
JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
ROGER W. JONES
WILLIAM B. McLEAN

1962

J. STANLEY BAUGHMAN
ROBERT R. GILRUTH
DR. DONALD E. GREGG
DR. FRANCES O. KELSEY
WALDO K. LYON
LLEWELLYN E. THOMPSON, Jr.

1959

JAMES V. BENNETT
ROBERT D. MURPHY
DOYLE L. NORTHRUP
HAZEL K. STIEBELING
WERNHER VON BRAUN

1963

WINTHROP G. BROWN
ALAIN C. ENTHOVEN
SHERMAN E. JOHNSON
DAVID D. THOMAS
FRED L. WHIPPLE

1960

ANDREW BARR
HUGH L. DRYDEN
WILLIAM J. HOPKINS
DR. WINFRED OVERHOLSER
ROBERT M. PAGE

1964

JOHN DOAR
HERBERT FRIEDMAN
LYMAN B. KIRKPATRICK, Jr.
BROMLEY K. SMITH

1961

BERT B. BARNES
WILBUR S. HINMAN, Jr.
FREDERICK J. LAWTON
RICHARD E. McARDLE
WILLIAM McCaULEY

1965

HOWARD C. GRIEVES
HOMER E. NEWELL
FRANK B. ROWLETT
CLYDE A. TOLSON
PHILIP H. TREZISE
WILLIAM F. McCANDLESS

Distinguished Civilian Service Awards Board

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